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Secretary's staff meeting.

scussed with Messrs. Humelsine, Bonbright, and McWilliams' memo Humelsine sent the Secretary about new legislation to establish the positions of Representative and Alternate Representative to NATO.

Tomlinson telephoned from Paris regarding the time schedule for the EDC Ministers meeting--said all delegations except the Italian were ready to accept date of May 19, but that Italians now say electoral campaign in Italy will require de Gasperi to remain there 9 days between May 18 and 27. I told Tomlinson the feeling here would not permit the Secretary to come over on a preliminary trip; that someone has to make sure the financial contribution question will be settled before the Secretary comes.

Theodore D. Palmer came in to see me.

After talking with Jamie Bonbright and McWilliams, I telephoned Tomlinson in Paris and told him we think the 24th is almost the last date when any action taken by them would give us time to present it to the Senate. As to the possibility of getting Dunn to help with the Italians, Tomlinson said the problem there is that Dunn is away and will not be back until tomorrow morning.

John Foster Dulles telephoned me from New York, having just arrived from Paris, to say he was pleased with the results of his trip.

Frank Nash came over to see me. He is leaving this afternoon for Paris.

I telephoned James Ashton, of the Republic National Bank of Dallas,

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